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Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING AND RENDERING OBJECT ORIENTED NEUTRAL IMAGE DATA**

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Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2000, the period for response having been extended two months to September 13, 2000 by the concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Eschbach in view of Robinson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In formulating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103, the Examiner alleges that Eschbach teaches a parser circuit (Column 1, line 19) to parse neutral image data into black image data, white image data, and grey image data, and an image processing circuit to process the neutral image data (Column 10, lines 1-20). The Examiner further suggests that although Eschbach fails to teach a parser to parse an image into neutral image data and non-neutral image data, Eschbach suggests such a feat. The Examiner points to a single line wherein Eschbach states that images may either be black/white or color. From this simple statement in Eschbach, the Examiner